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EXPORT OF ORGANIC FARM PRODUCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intend to export Rs.300 crores of organic farm produce;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to protect agricultural products from chemical pollution?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The Government has a scheme of Integrated Nutrient Management, which includes soil test based judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic manures and bio- fertilizers. There is emphasis on the use of organic sources of nutrients like farm yard manure, compost, green manure, vermin compost and bio-fertilizers.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is the main plank of plant protection strategy to minimize the chemical pollution of agricultural products. The major activities under IPM include pest monitoring for forewarning; conservation of natural enemies in farmers` fields; production and field releases of bio-control agents and production of eco-friendly bio-pesticides.